

HONORABLE RICARDO S. MARTINEZ

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,

Defendant.

NO. 2:15-cv-01605 RSM

SECOND CONSENT MOTION AND ORDER  
REGARDING CASE SCHEDULE

The above-captioned action is for declaratory and injunctive relief under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 701 *et seq.* The parties jointly request that the action remain open and that the Court approve the parties’ agreed upon, modified schedule set forth in paragraph 1, below. In support of this request, the parties state the following:

1. On June 16, 2021, the Court issued a case management order in which the Court adopted the parties’ proposed schedule and case management order. Under that schedule, the IRS was required to provide Microsoft with draft revised declarations by June 24, 2021 and draft revised *Vaughn* indices by August 13, 2021, and to file a motion for summary judgment by

SECOND CONSENT MOTION TO EXTEND TIME AND ORDER  
REGARDING CASE SCHEDULE  
(Case Nos. 2:15-cv-1605)

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September 13, 2021. The IRS provided draft revised declarations to Microsoft on June 24, 2021, and Microsoft responded by letter dated July 28, 2021. The IRS, however, needs additional time to complete drafting revised *Vaughn* indices.<sup>1</sup> The IRS accordingly requests, and Microsoft consents, to extend the remaining deadlines for transmitting draft revised *Vaughn* indices to Microsoft and for filing a motion for summary judgment. The IRS therefore requests that the Court adopt the following revised schedule for the above-captioned case:

SCHEDULE	
Event	Date
The IRS to provide draft revised <i>Vaughn</i> indices:	September 17, 2021
The IRS to file its motion for summary judgment:	October 29, 2021

2. Recognizing that the parties continue to engage in good faith negotiations, the parties agree that evidence of the IRS's efforts to address Microsoft's concerns, including any revisions to previously exchanged declarations or exemption claims, is not admissible to prove that the IRS's search was unreasonable or that the IRS's exemption claims were improper.

3. The parties jointly request that this action remain open and that the Court enter an order adopting the case schedule proposed in paragraph 1.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of August, 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> The IRS has also proposed, and Microsoft has consented to, a two-week extension (by August 27, 2021) to provide Microsoft with draft revised *Vaughn* indices in 2:15-cv-00369 and 2:15-cv-00850.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing JOINT MOTION via the Court's electronic case filing system on August 12, 2021.

/s Stephen S. Ho

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**ORDER**

It is SO ORDERED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.



RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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